

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

Nature Center <i>Open Daily 10am-5pm</i>	Mountain Bike Rental <i>Closed for the Season</i>
Virgil I. Grissom Memorial <i>Closed for Renovations</i>	Campground Hayrides <i>Closed for the Season</i>
Pioneer Village <i>Saturday - Sunday 9am-5pm</i>	Hoosier Quest Series <i>Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!</i>
Twin Caves Boat Tours <i>Closed for the Season</i>	
Please arrive on time for scheduled programs. <i>Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.</i>	
Public programs are designed for individuals and families. If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129	
Get advance notice of special events and programs! Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com	
HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.	

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WATCH FOR THE RCO ROT KOOL

April 2009

Saturday, April 4

11:30am Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore! – Come and discover an exciting program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest! Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 35 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Program Room.



1p-2:30p Butterfly Beauties – As the weather warms up, the butterflies return! Drop by to learn what flowers and bushes will draw them to your garden, and make a cute butterfly magnet to take home. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.




Sunday, April 5



1:00pm What Good are Hornets and Wasps? – Discover the important function that these insects serve, investigate one of their nests, and make a “bee-utiful” wasp/hornet craft. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min). **HP-HP**



Thursday, April 9

- 9:00pm**  **Full Moon Hike** – Whether you call it the Pink Moon, Full Sprouting Grass Moon, Egg Moon, or the Full Fish Moon, you'll enjoy this leisurely evening hike under the light of April's full moon, where we'll explore stories, legends, and facts about our lunar "nightlight." *Please remember to dress for the temperature and bring a flashlight (if you have one).* Meet at the Concession Stand by the Pioneer Village (45 min).

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- 3:30pm**  **Trees & Birds** – We'll hike near and along the lake while identifying things that aren't afraid of heights – trees and birds! Meet in front of the Nature Center (1 hr).

Sunday, April 12


- 12-1:30pm** **Meet the Easter Bunny!** - The Easter Bunny will be at the Spring Mill Inn to greet kids and pose for pictures. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.
- 2:00pm** **Easter Egg Scramble** – Join the search for goody-filled eggs scattered in the grass! Four different areas will be roped off, each for a different age group of kids (4yr and under, 5-7yr, 8-10yr, and 11-12yr). Make sure you arrive on time; the hunt is over almost as soon as it begins! Sycamore Field.



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- 3:00pm**  **Froggy Chorus** – The frogs and toads are joined in song... learn how to identify some individual singers and make a frog/toad beanbag. Nature Center, Program Room (45 min).

Sunday, April 19

- 1:30pm**  **Early Bloomers** – Explore the hillside for hints of color as we seek out spring wildflowers. Meet in front of Spring Mill Inn (45 min).



Saturday, April 25

9am-5pm 8th Annual Antique Tractor & Farm Implements Show - Antique farm tractors, working farm implements, and gas engines dating back to the 1940's will be on display. Step back in time and imagine what it was like in the days when the family tractor was the most important piece of machinery on the farm! *Presented in cooperation with the Tri-County Antique Farm Machinery Association.* Sycamore Shelter.

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1:00pm **Invasive Species Volunteer Strike Force** – Combine forces to help us combat park invasions by non-native plant species! These plants attack the park in a variety of ways, reducing and even eliminating native plants and animals from the forest. We need your help to fight back! Find out why we want these plants gone, learn how to identify and remove targeted invasives, and then put that knowledge to work on the ground – by assisting naturalists with invasive species removal. *Volunteers can join the strike force for just 1 hour, or up to 3 hours.* Meet at the Nature Center Amphitheater. **HP-HP**



Bringing an organized group (scouts, church, etc)? *Please call the Nature Center in advance (812-849-4129) so we know to expect you.*

Boy Scout – Girl Scout Challenge! *We'll weigh/count the amount of invasive plants pulled by each participating scout troop, add up the totals for all participating girl scout troops and the totals for all participating boy scout troops, and then figure out the per person average for each side. It's Boys vs. Girls – which side will pull the most? Certificates will be awarded to all the participating troops on the winning side, and to the individual troop that pulls the most plants overall.*

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1:30pm **Wildflowers in the Woods** – Enjoy a leisurely search for spring wildflowers in the Donaldson Woods Nature Preserve. Meet at Twin Caves parking lot (45 min).

